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In re Application of:)	Conf. No.: 5856
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Don HARTAL et al)	Art Unit: 1761
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REQUEST FOR STATUS

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Sir:

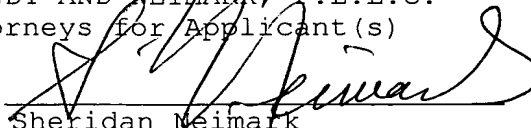
Applicants filed their brief in this case nine (9) months ago, but have heard nothing from the PTO since then. In accordance with the requirements of the Patent and Trademark Office, the applicants hereby make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore **requests a written reply**.

Respectfully submitted,

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